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1. HIGHLIGHTS. PAPERS SINCE TUESDAY FRONTPAGED WATERGATE;  
WEDNESDAY PAPERS FEATURED PARIS VIET TALKS; THURSDAY PAPERS  
NIXON' S ECONOMIC SPEECH; FRIDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE SENATE  
CUTS OFF VIET WAR FUNDS; WASHPOST FRONTPAGES KISSINGER

DOUBTS MAJOR SUMMIT ACCORDS.

1 A. WEDNESDAY PAPERS INSIDE HAD FULBRIGHT URGES US ARMS SPENDING SHOULD REFLECT SOVIET RESTRAINT; SOME HAD NATO ALLIES IRKED BY US TACTICS. BALTSUN HAD GENEVA REUTER, US TO REPLY TO SOVIET PLAN ON WEAPONS, ALSO US LAUNCHES SATELLITE TO SPOT SOVIET MISSILE LAUNCHES. NYTIMES HAS BRIEF ON SALT TALKS RECESS.

1 B. THURSDAY PAPERS INSIDE REPORTED FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE URGES SUSPENSION OF TESTING; ALSO CLEMENTS WORRIED BY SOVIET ARMS. WASHSTAR FRONT PAGED ARMS PROGRESS

AT SUMMIT PREDICTED. NYTIMES INSIDE HAD GAETA ITALY STORY ON EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY US RUSSIAN NAVAL OFFICERS IN MEDITERRANEAN.

1 C. FRIDAY PAPERS INSIDE HAVE ROGERS ASSURES NATO NO NIXON- BREZHNEV DEALS; NYTIMES GENEVA REPORTS NO ONE WANTED TO SPEAK AT ARMS SESSION.

2. ARMS PROGRESS. THURSDAY NOONSTAR FRONT PAGED SHERMAN REPORTING NIXON DROPPED HIS FIRST FULL HINT THAT BREZHNEV MEETING WOULD PRODUCE MAJOR NEW PROGRESS TOWARD SUPERPOWER ARMS LIMITATIONS IN HIS ECONOMY SPEECH WEDNESDAY NIGHT WHEN HE STRESSED HIS CONFIDENCE ON NEW ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS REACHED THROUGH EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION AND CORRESPONDENCE WITH BREZHNEV-- MUCH OF IT QUITE RECENTLY, HE ADDED IN A DEPARTURE FROM HIS PREPARED TEXT-- AND SAYING: I CAN CONFIDENTLY PREDICT THAT OUT OF OUR MEETING WILL COME MAJOR NEW PROGRESS TOWARD REDUCING BOTH THE BURDEN OF ARMS AND THE DANGER OF WAR. SHERMAN SAID THIS PRESUMABLY WILL COME IN SALT AREA BUT POSSIBILITY ALSO OF MUTUAL FORCE REDUCTIONS. SHERMAN CONCLUDED BY SAYING EXPERTS AGREE ANY NIXON- BREZHNEV AGREEMENT WILL BE ONLY FIRST STEP IN CON-  
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CRETE AND DIFFICULT PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS.

2 A. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES HAD GENEVA SPECIAL AS TRAILER TO GWERTZMAN PIECE ON 5 PACTS REPORTED READY FOR BREZHNEV VISIT. SPECIAL, HEADED GENEVA TALKS RECESS, SAID SALT TALKS WERE RECESSED TO FREE THE CHIEF NEGOTIATORS FOR POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS DURING NIXON- BREZHNEV MEETING, ADDING JOHNSON DEPARTED FOR WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY AFTER 34 TH MEETING OF SECOND PHASE OF SALT TWO AND SOVIET SOURCES SAID SEMYONOV IS ALSO RETURNING TO HIS CAPITAL. ACCORDING SPECIAL, THE TWO DIPLOMATS GAVE NO INDICATION OF PROGRESS TOWARD GOAL OF EXPANDING INTERIM AGREEMENT ON OFFENSIVES.

2 B. WASHPOST BERGER REPORTS KISSINGER PROJECTED TO NEWS-  
MEN A SOVIET- AMERICAN SUMMIT THAT WOULD CONSOLIDATE THE  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES RATHER THAN ACHIEVE  
SPECTACULAR BREAKTHROUGHS ON UNRESOLVED ISSUES, BUT NEVER-  
THELESS HELD OUT POSSIBILITY LEADERS COULD SPEED UP TALKS  
ON LIMITING OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHILE VIRTUALLY FORE-  
CLOSING POSSIBILITY THAT SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS TO CONTROL  
WHAT HE CALLED THE MOST DANGEROUS WEAPON WOULD RESULT FROM  
SUMMIT. ACCORDING BERGER, HIS REMARKS SUGGESTED THERE WOULD  
BE EMPHASIS ON GETTING QUALITATIVE LIMITATIONS TO CONTROL  
THE PROLIFERATION OF MULTIPLE NUCLEAR WARHEADS, ADDING HIS

HOPE THIS SUMMIT WILL MARK A TURNING- POINT SIMILAR TO THE  
1971 AGREEMENT RE SALT ONE. BERGER REPORTS KISSINGER SAID  
LEADERS WOULD DISCUSS TROOP REDUCTION BUT THERE WOULD BE  
NO AGREEMENTS OR UNDERSTANDINGS WITHOUT THE FULL CONCUR-  
RENCE OF OUR ALLIES, HENCE SUMMIT TALKS COULD BE ONLY EX-  
PLORATORY, ALSO KISSINGER SAID THERE WOULD BE NO ANNOUNCE-  
MENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AS CURRENT EXTENSIVE STUD-  
IES WILL NOT BE COMPLETED AT TIME OF SUMMIT, BUT THIS  
DOESN' T MEAN ADMINISTRATION IS TURNING DOWN FOREIGN RELA-  
TIONS COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FOREVER.

3. NATO. ADVANCE STORIES ON NATO COPENHAGEN MEETING HAVE  
OFTEN MENTIONED WHAT WAS STRESSED IN UPI STORY IN WEDNES-  
DAY WASHSTAR, US TACTICS IRK NATO ALLIES, UPI CITING NATO  
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SOURCES AS SAYING DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND ITS  
ALLIES COULD TORPEDO PLANS TO OPEN CSCE ON JULY 3 SINCE  
BELGIUM NETHERLANDS CANADA ARE ANGRY AT WHAT THEY CONSIDER  
A SUPERPOWER ATTEMPT TO RAM DECISIONS DOWN THE THROATS OF  
THEIR ALLIES, MENTIONING IN PARTICULAR US SIDING WITH  
RUSSIA ON ISSUE OF SETTING A FIRM DATE FOR TROOP REDUCTION  
TALKS. DISSIDENT ALLIES MAY OPPOSE PROCEEDING WITH CSCE  
ON SCHEDULE UNLESS RUSSIANS AGREE TO A DATE FOR TROOP RE-  
DUCTION TALKS, BUT US FEELS CONFERENCE DATE IS SO SECURELY  
SET THERE IS NO POINT IN USING IT AS A BARGAINING CHIP  
WITH THE RUSSIANS.

3 A. FRIDAY MORNING STORIES ALL STRESS ROGERS' REASSURANCE  
TO ALLIES IN DEPARTURE FROM HIS TEXT, BALTSUN' S OISHI SAY-  
ING REASSURANCE WAS MADE NECESSARY BY PERSISTENT RUMORS  
THAT A US- SOVIET AGREEMENT WAS IN THE WORKS CALLING FOR A  
MUTUAL 10 TO 15 PERCENT TROOP REDUCTION IN CENTRAL EUROPE  
AND ROGERS ADDED US FULLY EXPECTS SOVIET UNION TO LIVE UP  
TO ITS AGREEMENT TO BEGIN ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS BY OCTOBER  
30 AT LATEST, OISHI ADDING THAT CURRENT RUSSIAN PROPOSAL  
TO BEGIN FORCE- CUT TALKS ONE MONTH AFTER COMPLETION OF ALL  
THREE PHASES OF CSCE IS ACCEPTABLE TO NONE OF NATO MEM-  
BERS.

4. DISARMAMENT. FRIDAY NYTIMES GENEVA REUTERS REPORTS 25- NATION CONFERENCE WHICH RESUMED LAST WEEK MET FOR ONLY FOUR MINUTES TODAY BECAUSE NO ONE WANTED TO SPEAK-- THE LACK OF SPEAKERS BEING SEEN AS REFLECTING AN INACTIVE MOOD AND TENDED TO CONFIRM PREDICTIONS THAT LITTLE EARLY PROGRESS WAS LIKELY TOWARD BANS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND UNDERGROUND TESTS.

4 A. WEDNESDAY BALTSUN GENEVA REUTER REPORTED US, REACTING TO SOVIET CRITICISM, YESTERDAY PROMISED THE RECONVENED GENEVA DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE IT WOULD RESPOND TO RUSSIAN PROPOSALS FOR BANNING CHEMICAL WEAPONS, MARTIN SAYING HIS DELEGATION WOULD TAKE PART WITH OTHERS IN EXPLORING UNCLASSIFIED

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WHAT POSSIBILITIES MIGHT EXIST FOR ACHIEVING ADEQUATELY VERIFIED COMPREHENSIVE PROHIBITIONS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS. REUTER ADDED US SO FAR HAS FAILED TO RESPOND TO LAST YEAR' S SOVIET DRAFT CONVENTION BUT HAS CRITICIZED IT AS TOO GENERALIZED AND UNREALISTIC. ACCORDING REUTER, MARTIN' S STATEMENT GAVE OBSERVERS HOPES FOR SOME PROGRESS BUT HE WARNED THERE MIGHT BE GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN WORKING OUT ADEQUATE WAYS OF POLICING A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT, ADDING THAT US EXPECTED NEW SUGGESTIONS DURING THE SESSION.

5. TESTING. THURSDAY WASHPOST HAD LOCAL UPI REPORTING 14- TO-1 VOTE OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION BY KENNEDY URGING PRESIDENT TO PROPOSE AN IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF UNDERGROUND TESTING DURING HIS TALKS WITH BREZHNEV. GRIFFIN CAST THE NEGATIVE VOTE. RESOLUTION PROPOSED US SUSPENSION OF TESTING SO LONG AS SOVIET UNION ABSTAINS FROM UNDERGROUND TESTING AND NOTED SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN IDENTIFICATION OF UNDERGROUND TESTS. UPI SAYS FRED IKLE, NOMINEE TO HEAD ACDA, TESTIFYING AT HIS CONFIRMATION HEARING, SAID THE RESOLUTION WOULD BE A CONSTRUCTIVE STEP FORWARD BUT DOUBTED THAT THE TWO SIDES WERE NEAR AGREEMENT ON MORATORIUM AND WAS ALSO TROUBLED BY QUESTION OF HOW PEACEFUL UNDERGROUND EXPLOSIONS COULD CONTINUE, AS WELL AS NOTING PROBABILITY OTHER NATIONS WOULDN' T ACCEDE TO A TREATY STOPPING TESTS. NYTIMES HAD AP WASHINGTON STRESSING OVERWHELMING COMMITTEE APPROVAL FOR RESOLUTION URGING MUTUAL SUSPENSION OF UNDERGROUND TESTS.

6. US BUDGET. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST UNSIGNED LOCAL REPORTED FULBRIGHT ASKED REAPPRAISAL OF DEFENSE BUDGET, SUGGESTING THAT SINCE RUSSIANS SEEM INTENT ON LIVING UP TO TERMS OF SALT ONE CONGRESS SHOULD REAPPRAISE NEED FOR SUCH A HIGH AMERICAN DEFENSE BUDGET. STORY SAYS FULBRIGHT, IN AN UNUSUAL SPEECH INSERTED INTO CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT SOVIET MISSILE PROGRESS OR LACK OF IT AND LEFT IMPRESSION HE ALREADY HAD ANSWERS. BALTSUN CORDDRY ADDED FULBRIGHT SPECIFICALLY TAUNTED JACKSON ABOUT WHAT IN

FACT HAPPENED TO THOSE BIG, TERRIFYING SOVIET NEW MISSILES,  
CORDDRY ADDING JACKSON HAD NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT BUT ONE OF  
HIS AIDES CONTENTED RUSSIANS ARE PUSHING AHEAD WITH ALL  
THE DEVELOPMENTS JACKSON HAD FORECAST.  
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6 A. THURSDAY WASHSTAR HAD ORR KELLY LOCAL HEADED SOVIET  
ARMS WORRY CLEMENTS, IN AGREEMENT WITH MORNING REPORTS ON  
CLEMENTS' FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE INDICATED HE  
FEELS SOVIETS ARE STILL SEEKING MILITARY SUPERIORITY OVER  
US. KELLY REPORTED CLEMENTS REJECTED FULBRIGHT' S SUGGES-  
TION US TAKE NOTE OF REDUCTIONS IN SOVIET ARMS AND REDUCE  
ITS OWN BUDGET, HOLDING WE DON' T HAVE SOLID INFORMATION  
SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN DOWN CERTAIN MISSILE SYSTEMS, INDEED  
EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE. PORTER

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